

**Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, January 10, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.
Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

TO MRS. JACKSON.

Washington, D. C. , January 10, 1824.

My Dear Wife, I reed yours of the 18th ult in answer to mine of the 3rd two days since; but being as usual on that day, surrounding with company and bustle, has prevented me from answering untill now. Your letters has been reed, and duly answered as they came to hand; and my health is as good as I have aright to expect, and has improved since I left you. The holidays being now over, and the 8th of January past; I trust it will be in my power to take care of my health better than I have been hitherto able since I came here. It affords me great satisfaction to learn that your health continues good; my prayers are continually ascending up to heaven for a continuation of it, and that I may once more unite with you in health; I need not repeat my determination, you know it.

I rejoice to learn that Mr Parson realises my expectation, and that all things are going on well, this is pleasant information to me, but nothing more than I expected, from the confidence I had in Mr Parsons. present me to him, and tell him I would like to hear from him if he has not already written me. I enclose you a letter from our friend Mr Ely,¹ with a request that you have communicated to Mr Craighead that part that relates to him. give the letter to Capt A J. Donelson and he will do it. I enclose you for your amusement and to give to my son a piece of poetry made in Baltimore and presented to me, tell him to keep it. There is at present great feeling on the Presidential question throughout the United States, and great intrigue. I interfere not, but it appears as you will see that my friends increase daily. The representatives of Genl Washington has presented me with

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a Tellescope and the pair of pistols used and worn by him in the revolutionary war which was presented to him by La Fayette. You will admit that I am not very vain, but to be thought worthy to possess the arms which were his companions in war and by which he achieved the liberty and independence of america, I consider the first honor that could be bestowed upon me. The mail is closing, I for the present must cease writing. present me to the Andrews affectionately and to Capt. A. J. Donelson and believe me to be yr affectionate Husband

1 Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, a Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia, and old friend of Jackson. Mr. Craighead was a minister of the same church, residing in Nashville.